GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TOURISM
LOK SABHA

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Development of Niche Tourism in Vellore
Senguttuvan Shri Balasubramaniam

Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry is aware that Vellore is a hub of medical tourism and if so, the details thereof;
(b) whether the Government has taken note that Vellore is also an educational hub and if so, the details thereof;
(c) whether there are a host of places in Vellore district which are home to several archaeological monuments of tourist interest and if so, the details thereof; and
(d) whether the Government has any proposal to develop Vellore as a place of niche tourism and if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR TOURISM (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)
(DR. MAHESH SHARMA)

(a) to (c): Yes, Madam. Vellore has emerged as a hub for medical tourism and education due to the presence of Christian Medical College and Hospital which also offers world class treatment. A list of Archaeological Monuments under the protection of State Archaeology Department of Tamil Nadu and Centrally protected by the Archaeological Survey of India is given in Annexure.

(d): Development and promotion of tourism including developing places for niche tourism is primarily the responsibility of the State Government/ UT Administrations. State Government of Tamil Nadu informs that there is no proposal to develop Vellore as a place of niche tourism.
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